HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 909

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A RESOLUTION to create a special joint committee to study Tennessee's transportation funding system.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special joint committee to study the financial health of Tennessee's transportation funding system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that during its deliberations, the special joint committee shall study the various sources of federal and state revenue used to fund Tennessee's transportation system, investigate ways and means to enhance such existing sources of revenue, and identify potential new sources of revenue for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the committee shall consist of ten (10) members as follows:

Three (3) members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House;

Three (3) members of the Senate, to be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate;

The Chair of the House Transportation Committee;

The Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee; and

Two (2) members who shall represent the transportation industry, to be appointed by the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special joint committee upon request of the chair. The National Conference of State Legislatures is also requested to provide assistance to the committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special joint committee who are duly elected members of the General Assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that non-legislative members of the special joint committee shall serve without compensation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special joint committee shall be convened by the member with the most years of continuous service in the General Assembly, and at its first meeting shall elect from among its legislative membership a chair, vice-chair, and such other officers the committee deems necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One Hundred Sixth General Assembly no later than February 15, 2009, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

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